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LANDED IN THE "COOLER"

Lester McCartt Caught at Helenwood by Sheriff Walker; Broke Jail Last October.

Sheriff G. W. Walker caught Lester McCartt at Helenwood, Scott county, last Thursday and has him now safely behind the bars of our county jail.

McCartt was convicted of stealing a pocket book from Ben Smith, son of Hardin Smith, last fall. He was tried at the October term, convicted and sentenced to 90 days in jail. Shortly after being convicted he broke jail along with Bob Davis, who was charged with having killed Hughlin Price; Brown Etherton, Ab. Hassler and Arthur Bias.

All who escaped have been apprehended now except Brown Etherton and Bob Davis. Ab. Hassler made bond and is now out of jail. McCartt comes of a family that bears a very unsavory reputation. His father is now serving a sentence in the penitentiary for murder and he is said to have a brother in Scott county who is a tough "pill."

No special effort has been made to arrest Bob Davis for the killing of Hughlin Price, while very blood thirsty, was generally look upon as a case of killing among a set who were bootleggers and law violators generally. Davis was said to have waylaid Hughlin Price early one morning and shot him down with a load of buckshot. After Price fell mortally wounded Davis is said to have approached the body and fired three balls into the body—two in the head—with a high power rifle.

PLEASANT HILL

"It is the mild day of March.
Each minute sweeter than before,
The red-brest sings from the tall larch

That stands beside our door.
"There is a blessing in the air
Which seems a sense of joy to yield
To the fare trees and the mountain bare

And grass in the green field."
—Wordsworth

It would seem that Wordsworth was writing of Pleasant Hill! Not only the red-brest but scores of others including our own "red-bird" welcome the spring with joyful songs, and each doorway is bright with blossoms. Over the rolling slopes one sees the flush of the peach trees; the snowy clusters of the pear and silhouetted against the sky the plowman strides along our upland fields. All this gladness of the springtime finds echo in our school, and these last weeks of the year find our students more enthusiastic than ever.

The Gamma Kappa Delta and the Boys' Literary Societies held their respective meetings, Friday night, March 18. The girls, due to the fact that they expected to go to Crossville to play basket ball, had not prepared a program but rendered an impromptu one which proved interesting and beneficial as well as entertaining.

The boys having prepared a program made the evening entertaining by songs, string music, addresses, a horse is more useful than an auto-jokes and a debate; Resolve: That mobile. Aff., Benton Cantrell, Rudolph Oswald; neg., Storm Jarvis, Mark Tucker. Despite of the fact that most of the cars that pass here until recently were pulled by one or two teams, the negative was victorious.

The people of the village gladly welcomed George Seagraves' brief visit Saturday after being confined to his room for several weeks with typhoid.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beam, who have been quite ill with measles and pneumonia, are now much better.

Mrs. Nellie Therme is spending a few days with her sister in Nashville. She will return next week.

Saturday, March 19, records a grand victory for Pleasant Hill. An interesting game of base ball by Pleasant Hill Academy and Ravenscroft was played in the afternoon on the ground of the latter. With a nice group of our girls and several of the Hill boys to cheer, our boys won another victory, the score being 10 to 5. Our young people report the Ravenscroft folks very courteous and every one had a jolly good time.

March 19. Publicity Dept.

STATE Y. M. C. A.

Owing to unfavorable conditions connected with acquiring the property south of town, the project has been abandoned and 160 acres purchased in White County near Rock Island.

PEACE TREATY SIGNED.

Poland gets \$15,000,000, 80,000 Square Miles of Territory and Over Six Million Population

A peace treaty was signed Friday between Soviet Russia and Poland that puts to an end a state of war that had existed for a year in which much fighting has been done with Poland getting the best of the fight in most instances. The Polish troops were largely directed by French officers.

By the treaty Poland is to receive from Soviet Russia \$15,000,000 to be paid within one year. Poland was also conceded territory amounting to about 80,000 square miles which embraces a population of over six millions.

Ukraine is a party to the treaty and signed it along with the Poles and Russians. The boundary lines as now fixed gives to Poland considerable more territory than was decreed by the world-war treaty, which first established the republic of Poland by carving it out of Germany, Austria and Russia.

In conformity with regulations laid down by the peace treaty, an election was held Sunday in Silesia, a part of Germany before the war, to determine whether it should continue as a part of Germany or become a part of Poland. The election went overwhelmingly for Germany. Although all the votes was not in, there were 876,000 votes for Germany and 389,000 for Poland.

The land area comprised some 5,000 square miles and was especially valuable for its deposits of coal, zinc and other minerals. Germany has laid great stress on the importance of this section, if the German nation is to meet the reparation demands, which were fixed at \$6 billions of dollars and to be paid in forty years.

Origin of the Name "Sni-a-Bar."

This story is told regarding the origin of the name of Sni-a-Bar creek. The story runs that in an early day a Frenchman named Abar was ascending the Missouri river in a Canadian boat. Just below the present site of the town of Wellington he came to the mouth of a little river or creek.

"See now, my children; here we have a sni, placed by the good God for our backs' relief," he said. "A little breathing space, a quiet time, a resting from the river. Ah, the dear sni!"

Sni is French for enough. Abar fancied he had struck a quiet loop of backwater which would lead him again to the river in a mile or two. But in a mile it became apparent that it was no slough, but a small stream. And so the boat was turned and poled back to the Missouri. From this circumstance the creek was called Sni-a-Bar, from the word "sni" and the name of the Frenchman, Abar.

Lamps of Greeks and Romans.

From the stage of hand-modeling and sun-baking, the evolution of the lamp proceeds to the Greeks and Romans, who devoted a large share of their attention to the art of lamp-making. Each Roman or Greek lamp-maker strove to achieve some new triumph in the art. Just as rare paintings bear the signatures of their painters, lamps of the early Greeks and Romans bear the inscribed names of their makers. Irrespective of their pale, flickering uncertain light, the ancient Greek and Roman lamp was a very costly object, its valuation ascending according to its artistic beauty. So obsessed were they with the beauty of the vessel that little, if any, consideration was given the efficiency of the light produced by the lamp.

Commodore Preble's Temper.

The hasty temper of that early hero of the United States navy, Commodore Preble, says a writer in the Boston Herald, furnishes the basis for an amusing story that people of the older generation used to enjoy telling.

The old sea fighter, it seems, was a testy chap. One afternoon his wife was entertaining several lady callers at their Portland home. Just as they were going out they heard a tremendous racket on the floor above, and down the front stairs came crashing a large and very solid table. It badly frightened the callers, who were lingering in the hall for a parting word.

"Why, Commodore Preble!" cried his wife, "what are you doing?" "That, Mrs. Preble," roared the commodore, "is my blasted temper!"

MEXICAN TRAIL OF WOE.

One of Property Destruction, Murder and Revolution; Mainly Because of Ignorance

The following statistics were prepared by the Hon. Henry Lane Wilson, former U. S. ambassador to Mexico.

The total population of Mexico, 15,000,000.
Indian population, 12,000,000.
American population in Mexico, in 1910, 75,000.

Americans expelled by conditions in Mexico, 55,000.
Americans murdered by Mexicans since 1910, 653.

Mexican property destroyed or confiscated, 1,200,000,000.
Indirect loss to Americans, \$500,000,000.

Known expenditures by this government on account of Mexico, 250,000,000.
Estimated property loss to persons in Mexico for which other nations might try to make the United States, because of our policies, responsible, \$1,200,000,000.

Number of Mexicans killed during the revolutionary period, 325,000.
Number of Mexicans dead by pestilence or starvation, 80,000.

Total number of presidents of Mexico, all shot in or out of power, 73.

FATHER OF BASEBALL

First Started in 1839 and Was Much as We Have it Now

In the Delaware and Hudson station at Cooperstown, New York, there hangs and oil painting with this inscription.

Major Gen. Abner Doubleday

1819-1893.

Graduated from West Point, 1842; commanded 76th N. Y. Civil War Volunteers from Cooperstown. He originated our National Game of Baseball, and it was here in 1839 that he laid out the first baseball diamond. So reported the special Baseball Commission in 1907.

When the investigation was being made, Abner Graves, who was one of the original players, was a mining engineer at Denver, Colorado. He was the only one still living of those Cooperstown lads who long ago played in a village field near Green's Select School. He said that he saw Doubleday mark off the lines and place the bases and players virtually as placed today.

Doubleday's inspiration came to him one day when playing the French game of rounders. Catching up a crooked stick, he marked out the diamond as his mind prompted. Later, he laid out his idea on paper, but one likes to remember that he made the initial plan on Mother Earth. He drew a diamond thirty yards square. Many changes have been made since the day when Doubleday originated the game of baseball. Players have come and passed; rules have been changed, modified; new terms, new methods have made their appearance; the ball, originally two and one-half ounces of rubber covered with yarn and leather, weighing six and one-half ounces and measuring ten and one-half inches in circumference has changed in both weight and size. The baseball equipment of today includes catcher's mit, masks, breast pads, padded gloves. But one feature remains unchanged: the diamond is still thirty yards square.

We best appreciate the cleverness of the idea that flashed into the thought of Abner Doubleday on that summer day so long ago, when we realize that today in the United States there is said to be twelve thousand men earning their livelihood through the game of baseball. It is recognized as the national game, not alone of this country, but of Japan and of China. Just aspark of an idea, but out of it sprang the sport of several nations.

Abner Doubleday rendered distinguished service in three wars: the Mexican, the Seminole and the Civil. It is said that the game of baseball gained its first impetus through the convalescent soldiers who engaged in it on the hospital grounds.—B. C. Blessing.—Boys' World.

Mrs. Charles G. Pearson went to Chattanooga Thursday to pass some time with her step-daughter, Miss Hattie Pearson, superintendent of Erlanger hospital.

Don't tell all the truth about your neighbor for he might do the same by you and then you would probably become enemies.

IT IS NOT TRUE

Statement Relative to Ford Car Agency and Purchases for This County.

A long while ago Josh Bilings said: "It is better not to know so many things than to know so many things that aren't so." Some person has fallen under that "know so many things" ban in or around Rockwood as is evidenced by a statement in the Rockwood Times, which in substance is as follows:

The Ford Motor Company sent a man here to locate an agency or to induce some one to take the Ford agency. As the report goes no one here could be found who would agree to buy more than four Ford cars. The real truth is, the Harrison Motor Company did arrange with the Ford representative to take 24 cars during the year—two each month. Mr. Harrison informs us his company would have contracted to take twice as many cars if necessary, but 24 was all the Ford man asked and the deal was made between the Harrison company and the Ford representative. The John A. East Company, of Rockwood, has opened a sales office here.

We know nothing of the conditions under which Mr. East has opened his sales office here or is it our purpose to reflect on him in the least, but we feel that such false statements should not go unchallenged when they reflect so seriously on our town.

SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS

Pretty Japanese Custom That is Regarded as Inseparable From the Period of Courtship.

The Japanese courting is as apt to start in a flower message as any other way, the lovelorn swain indicating his passion by tossing a pale plum blow into the litter as the object of his regard is carried by him. If she tosses it out his suit is rejected, but if she fastens it at her kimono girdle the affair may go forward. Another method is for the lover to slip up to his loved one's door at midnight and fasten a spray of blooming celastrus alatus above the door. The next morning he walks by the house. If the spray is still there, all is over. But if it has been taken in, or if it has been watered, he knows the maid is his.

The actual terms of the marriage settlement are carried on by a go-between, always a man, we are told. A "complimentary present" is then sent, and if it is accepted the bride and her entire family are in honor bound to go forward with the ceremony. The groom then sends her sixty prescribed gifts that include silk of a certain length, and folded in a certain way; garments, silken bags of rice and sweetmeats, and barrels of wine. The latter the bride, as a rule, presents to her parents, and the contents are drunk in cups little larger than a thimble. The groom also sends a long piece of white silk for the wedding garment, and a piece of very fine gold embroidery to be used as a marriage girdle. The wedding day is often picked by a soothsayer, and there are scores of days that are prohibited.

SEVERE ORDEAL FOR BRIDE

Afghan "Beauty Treatment" Torture to Which All Girls Approaching Matrimony Must Submit.

The girl bride in Afghanistan is subjected to a very severe beauty treatment. Some elderly ladies massage her face, wash her hair and anoint it with oil and perfume. Then comes the tarr zaddani or removal of the superfluous hairs of the face. The phrase, composed of two Persian words—tarr, meaning string, and zaddani, meaning heating—is highly expressive of the act.

A thin silken string is held close to the skin by one of the bride's attendants; a second attendant pulls the thread out and giving it a spin with her index finger and thumb, lets it go. As it strikes the skin and springs back, it pulls out the hair, Ikbal Ali Shah writes in Asia Magazine. The position of the string is changed and the action is repeated. This very painful operation must be performed on every bride, whether she has hairs on her face or not. When the ordeal is over, the tortured face is washed with warm water, without soap, and well powdered.

APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED.

Sworn in and Will Take Over Office of Commissioner of Agriculture June 1.

The investigating committee to look into irregularities touching the conduct of Capt. T. F. Peck during his former official career as Commissioner of Agriculture made its report Friday and completely exonerated Capt. Peck. The report was adopted by the state senate by almost a unanimous vote. Only two voted against: Senator John Houk and Senator Collier.

The appointment of Capt. Peck was then confirmed by the same vote. He took the oath of office and will enter upon his duties June 1.

Senator John Houk was strongly under the influence of whiskey and made a spectacular speech of forty minutes charging many wild things. While his speech was a disgrace to him and the high office he holds, little attention was given to it.

BIGLICK

Rev. P. E. Radford filled his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Amanda Manning, of Crab Orchard, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brown of Biglick, were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Miss Josephine Rupp returned Tuesday after visiting home folks at Delta, Ohio.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Kerbey, a baby, March 14.

Dr. V. L. Lewis was called Sunday night to see little Annie Bristow, who was very sick with flu.

Mrs. T. L. Hale, of Biglick was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Achie Hale, last week.

J. T. Hall spent Saturday night and Sunday at Lantana with his sister who was very sick.

A. H. Hall and family attended meeting at Ridge Dale Sunday evening.

March 21 Poppy

SQUARE MILE POPULATION

According to the census bureau, the population of Tennessee to the square mile is 56.1, the largest of any of the original southern states, except Kentucky.

EARLY ACTION.

The special session of Congress will convene April 11. Both houses of Congress are expected to push to early passage the soldier bonus bill.

BIG CORN YIELDS.

Thirty of the corn club boys of the state made 100 bushels to the acre last year and they are laying plans to surpass that this year.

POMONA

A large crowd attended the baptising at the Caney Fork river Sunday afternoon. Seven persons were baptised by Rev. C. F. Starnes.

J. A. Walker made a business trip to Dandridge last week.

Mrs. James Taylor, of Crossville, spent the week-end with friends here.

From the amount of plowing, harrowing and planting that is being done hereabouts it is evident that Pomona intends to do her bit towards feeding the world. On account of the early season all crops are being planted about two weeks earlier than usual.

Several lives were jeopardized at the baptising at the Caney Fork river Sunday when a car bearing the license number 86845 was recklessly backed into a crowd of women and children who barely had time to scramble to their feet and escape the wheels of the car. The most deplorable part of it all was that, instead of apologizing or feeling sorry for what might have resulted so seriously, the young men driving the car seemed to consider it a huge joke, and stood by laughing while those who came so near being killed or maimed picked up their coats on which they had been sitting, and over which the car was backed.

March 21 O. B.

There is creeping moss in some of the West India Islands that can only be killed by boiling water or fire.